

Biography



Tony Bates
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Tony Bates is the Senior Vice President for the Routing Technology Group, Carrier Core Multi Services Business Unit. In this position, he is responsible for the strategy and execution of Cisco's High End Router (CRS-1 and the Cisco 12000) and Multi-Service WAN (MGX) product lines. Mr. Bates has been VP/GM of the high-end router business since July, 2000.

Mr. Bates joined Cisco in 1996. During his tenure, he also has served as Director of Marketing for the Optical Internetworking Business Unit, as Manager of Engineering for Internet POP Systems (IPSBU) and as a Technical Leader in the Office of the CTO.

Before joining Cisco, Mr. Bates served as Backbone Engineering Manager for MCI's Internet Backbone Group, where he drove the backbone engineering strategy for Internet MCI, MCI's national IP backbone. In all, Mr. Bates has more than 19 years of experience in the telecommunications and Internet industry and has played a major role in shaping and growing the Internet.

Mr. Bates has published twelve IETF RFCs in the areas of Internet Routing and Operations. Mr. Bates also holds seven patents in related layer 2 and layer 3 innovations. He is married and has three children.

